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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2005/004966, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report has been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus has already been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) JP 2000-348168 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family members WO 2000/062550 A1 and EP 1 089 567 A1;
- (2) JP 7-220059 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member GB 2 289 199 A;
- (3) WO 1998/009444 A1, and patent family members EP 0 859 524 A1 and US 6,075,899 A;
- (4) US 6,075,889; and
- (5) JP 10-191236 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member US 6,212,231 B1.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Search Report, as ascertained with respect to the international claims by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report. We note that the International Search Report appears to mistakenly identify document (4) as a family member of WO 1998/009444 (document 3)), which has a U.S. family member U.S. 6,075,899. However, for the Examiner's information, we have separately identified document (4).

Applicants further bring to the attention of the Examiner the following document:

- (6) JP 2000-175201 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

Applicants further submit a copy of a Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (including Forms PCT/IB/338, PCT/IB/373 and PCT/ISA/237) with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2005/004966, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Above-noted documents (1) and (2) were cited in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability.

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Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign and international documents are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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